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Iran Article in Current Intelligence Weekly, 22 March 1956, Part III

1. May we enter a mild demurrer to the lead sentence of this article, particularly the statement that the developments described "are likely to lead to a repudiation of the Shah." As stated, this leaves one in serious doubt as to what is meant by a "repudiation". If you mean an actual overthrow, then it seems difficult to make such a prediction without discussing just where a replacement regime would come from. If, on the other hand, you mean that the Shah will become very unpopular, the word is too strong as it would be generally understood.

2. Secondly, the statement gives no indication of when the "repudiation" would be "likely" to come. Do you mean that things can't go on indefinitely as they are or that the Shah is on the brink of disaster?

3. I understand that through a simple administrative mix-up this particular article was not cleared with our people under standard procedures. That is just one of those things, and this memo is nothing more than a note for the future. In fact, I can take the occasion to say quite candidly that the Weekly over the past year has become a really first rate job, easy to read and full of meat.

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